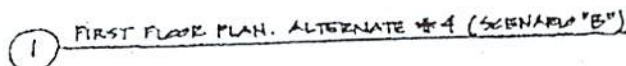


# Selectmen support Tarkiln renovation



For the renovation of the Tarkiln building, selectmen prefer this plan, which raises the floor and eliminates the interior ramp, provided it's affordable.

# Board reviews CPC design plans

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DUXBURY – Plans to renovate and repair the Tarkiln building took another step forward this week when selectmen voiced their approval and weighed in on two potential floor plans. The Community Preservation Committee hopes to finally bring the project to Town Meeting this fall.

Selectmen Chairman Betsy Sullivan and Selectman John Tuffy agreed Monday that they would like to see work on the Tarkiln building move forward, but both opposed its use for affordable housing. Selectmen Andre Martecchini was not present at Monday's meeting.

The Tarkiln building, erected in 1871 as a one-room schoolhouse, has served as a community center since the 1950s, when a new elementary school was built. The old building's recent deterioration triggered the Community Preservation Committee to look for ways to preserve it.

Historical Commission Chairman Barbara Kiley presented selectmen with two sets of plans for the building Monday night. She asked the board to weigh in on which they thought was the best option.

Both plans show a renovated two-room community space with new bathrooms, a kitchenette and small storage facilities. Selectmen deemed both acceptable.

One plan would raise the right side of the building 9 inches to eliminate the need for an interior handicap ramp. The other just jacks up the building a few inches to stabilize it and leaves the ramp intact. Without the ramp, there would also be more space for storage on that side of the building.

Sullivan suggested raising the building and eliminating the ramp is

preferable, provided it's an affordable choice. She mentioned \$50,000 as an acceptable cost to provide the better solution.

Town Manager Richard MacDonald suggested the town could also improve and beautify the building's

grounds once the restoration is complete.

Kiley hopes to have the logistics of the project squared away by the end of summer and anticipates presenting the Tarkiln restoration project to voters at Town Meeting this fall.

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